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Santa Claus arrives in Bradford on November 15 for the annual night-time illuminated parade, atop a giant snowflake sleigh loaded with toys for all the girls and boys... Thousands watched the parade, along a route that stretched from Bradford District High School, all the way to the Bradford Community Centre.

It was perfect weather for anyone who calls the North Pole 'home.' And for the reindeer, it was downright balmy.

But for the crowds lining the streets for the annual Bradford night-time Santa Claus Parade, on November 15, the evening was a bit on the chilly side.

Kids wrapped in blankets, and wearing a wild assortment of hats, waited for the start of the parade - which was led by Simcoe County Paramedics, collecting donations of gently-used clothing, and new, unwrapped toys from bystanders.

There were emergency vehicles, lights flashing and sirens sounding - marching bands - floats wrapped in colored lights, and covered with waving children - costumed characters walking the length of the route, from Bradford District High School all the way to the old Bradford Community Centre, and handing out treats and candy canes along the way.

The parade finished up with the "Rock and Roll Train" of the NewBeaver Shrine playing golden oldies that included Holly Jolly Christmas and Jingle Bell Rock, as the crowds danced and sang along – and the Philippine Heritage Band, playing traditional carols. Then came Santa Claus himself, atop his giant snowflake sleigh, waving at his fans.

There were a few glitches, and a few "Grinches" - businesses that didn't bother to decorate their "floats," and a street vendor who threw his wrappers onto the street, to be picked up by the volunteers - but all in all, it was a magical evening, a wonderful start to the festive season, and a great final volunteer effort by the BWG Santa Claus Parade Committee.

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Hands untied, for South Innisfil Creek Drain

The South Innisfil Creek Drain came back before the Drainage Referee, November 4 - after what had started as a routine request for maintenance of a municipal drain, 14 years ago, ballooned into an engineering nightmare with a price tag of $6.7 million, plus over $1 million in engineering costs.

With all costs to be assessed back to "benefiting landowners," the 750 property owners within the drainage area were looking at bills that ranged from hundreds, to hundreds of thousands of dollars each.

The request for maintenance originally came from marsh farmer Boris Hordynsky; when the Town of Innisfil failed to respond to his request, Horodynsky applied to the Drainage Referee. In 2006, Referee O'Brien ordered the Town to hire Dillon Consulting to complete an engineering study of the improvements needed, as specified in "Options 1 and 3" of a preliminary report, and undertake the work.

Dillon's preliminary work had a price tag of about $2.9 million - but it took another 7 years before the engineers filed a "Final Report", and by then costs had more than doubled from the original estimate.

The Town received the Final Report on August 15, 2013, but refused to accept it, asking for more consultation on the part of Dillon. The Town also applied to the new Drainage Referee, for relief from the terms of the original Order.

On Nov. 4, at the Barrie Courthouse, Drainage Referee Robert G. Waters heard representations from the Town of Innisfil, original applicant Boris Horodynsky - also opposed to the recommendations of Dillon Consulting, and the landowners, who have formed the "South Innisfil Creek Drain Committee," and who cited errors in the report, excessive scope, and costs that threaten to cause "undue hardship."

The Town's Legal Counsel, Valerie M'Garry asked Referee Waters to "untie" the hands of the engineer - allowing the engineer to look at other options than those specified by the original Referee, "not to be tied to the solutions that back in 2006 seemed appropriate." She also asked that the Referee "untie the hands of Council so they can refer it to an engineer, not necessarily Dillon."

Eric Gillespie, lawyer for the South Innisfil Creek Drain Committee agreed. "Things are a little different today, than they were almost a decade ago," he said, citing changes in land ownership, costs, and a "different level of support." Gillespie suggested that the Town's requests presented "an opportunity to look at all those variables, in an ordered way," and come up with an acceptable, updated, and less-costly solution.

Referee Waters agreed. He ruled that due to "unforeseen cost increases", the conditions of the original order are lifted and no longer binding. Instead, the Town of Innisfil is now ordered to retain the services of "a drainage engineer" to review the August 2013 report and "suggest alternatives including but not limited to improvements to alleviate flooding and options that may provide for phasing, maintenance and repair."

There was further relief for landowners. Based on an affidavit filed by Innisfil Director of Legal Services Jason Reynar, Waters agreed that $400,600 of the costs already incurred are to be paid out of the general municipal levy - rather than by the benefiting landowners, who will only have to pay those costs directly related to drain maintenance.



BWG Fire & Emergency Services vehicles were engaged at a business on Reagens Industrial Parkway, on Nov. 18, when a 2nd call came in reporting a structure fire at 871 Simcoe Rd., in the Holland Marsh. Unable to clear the initial call, Bradford asked for Mutual Aid from New Tecumseth - but the blaze, whipped by strong winds, destroyed the barn and the equipment inside.

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Recognizing innovation



Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillor Gary Lamb, left, congratulates Marsh farmer Jason Verkaik of Carron Farms, on winning a Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence, Nov. 14. ***Photo and Story by Miriam King, Sunmedia***

The Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence was established in 2007, to recognize innovations in the production, processing, and distribution of Agri-Food, that strengthen the province's important Agricultural Sector.

Since then, a total of 375 awards have been handed out. This year, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food announced 50 Awards for Innovation Excellence - including 7 given to recipients in Bruce, Grey and Simcoe Counties.

On November 14, Barrie MPP Ann Hoggarth presented the awards at a special ceremony held at the South Innisfil Community Centre in Lefroy.

Winners were Summitview Farm and T&K Ferri Orchards in Clarksburg; Hoity Toity Cellars Inc. in Mildmay, Dornoch Hops Ltd. in Durham; Peace Naturals Project Inc. in Stayner; Barrie Hill Farms in Barrie; and Bradford West Gwillimbury's Carron Farms Ltd.

The innovations are wide-ranging, and varied.

Carron Farms, which grows heirloom carrots that come in red, purple, black, white, yellow and orange, found a way to adapt existing computerized equipment from Europe, to ensure that each bag contains not only the right weight, but the proper mix of colours.

Farm owner Jason Verkaik accepted the award, noting, "The food that farmers in Ontario grow is good and safe and nutritious... It's great that farms and farming communities do get recognized for the work they put into growing our food."

Hoity Toity Cellars Inc. in Mildmay developed an innovative new product in 2013, after a long winter and cool growing season resulted in "45% of their grapes failing to meet wine production standards." In looking for an alternative use, owners Gary and Diane Fischer came up with a unique low-alcohol grape cider, made from frozen grape juice and using traditional wine-making equipment.

And Peace Naturals Project Inc. of Stayner reflects a new sector of the Agri-Food industry: medical marijuana production. The company was praised for the consistency of its product, and its operating procedures, security guidelines and safe production practices that have become industry standards.

Peace Naturals was also praised for providing employment - growing from 20 employees, to 43 in a short space of time. "We'll be upwards of 60," said partner Mark Gobuty, accepting the award, and praising the Mayor of Stayner for "recognizing us as high-value agriculture."

Each winner received an award, and $5,000.

"In today's fast-paced and ever-changing world, innovation is the key to success," said emcee Kevin Laidley, Regional Manager at OMAF. "Innovation invigorates our communities. It keeps our agri-food industry running strong."





South Simcoe Chief of Police Rick Beazley presents a certificate to Sgt. Robert Eeles, at his retirement party, Friday, November 14, 2014 at North Division.
Photo and Story by Miriam King, Sunmedia

Time to retire

When Robert Eeles first signed up with what later became Peel Regional Police, on May 23, 1978, he was too young to be a Constable.

He served as a Cadet for a year - and his very first radio call was to Pearson International Airport, after Air Canada Flight 89 blew a tire and skidded off the runway into a ravine.

Eeles made Constable in 1979; his first call as Constable was to the train derailment in Mississauga, that led to the evacuation of 200,000 residents. "We were checking for looters... and we even had to go and feed the pets," he remembers.

It was a dramatic start to a career in policing that has spanned 36 years - "36.5 years," he corrects - 28 of those years in Innisfil.

Eeles joined the Innisfil Police Service in 1986, and following the amalgamation of Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury services in 1997, has continued to serve with the South Simcoe Police, making Patrol Sgt. in 1999.

He has been assigned Uniformed Patrol; to Traffic and Marine, operating Innisfil's first Marine rescue boat - a tiny single engine craft, always threatened by the swells on Lake Simcoe; spent time in Criminal Investigations - and 2 years with the B.E.A.T. Team (Break Enter And Theft), where his nickname was "Casper... as in the friendly ghost."

In the first year of B.E.A.T., the team recovered over $1 million in stolen property.

He's now back to Platoon Sgt. - "Back to my roots," he says - but not for long. Eeles is retiring. He'll be using his banked hours and vacation time immediately, and will be "off the books and gone" on February 28, 2015.

On November 14, South Simcoe Police held a Retirement Party for Sgt. Eeles at the North Division, and there were plenty of shared memories, plenty of reminiscences, and laughs.

He was thanked for starting up the pick-up hockey team that met weekly, and his involvement in the Al Kuzmich Memorial Hockey Tournament, which has raised over $100,000 for Charity, and Police Chief Rick Beazley thanked Eeles for his years of service.

"It was a lot of fun. I loved every minute of it," Eeles said. "It's been a great ride - never a dull moment, always changing, every day."

His plans, going forward? "Six months of doing nothing. Just kick back - zero on the plate!"



Nov. 17 was the final Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board meeting for 3 members - Lori Boudreau, whose term is up; Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley and BWG Mayor Doug White, both of whom were defeated in the Municipal election. At the meeting, South Simcoe Police and the Board thanked them for their years of service. From left, Chief Rick Beazley, PSB chair Sharon Villani, Lori Boudreau, Barb Baguley, vice chair Rod Hicks, Inspector Tom McDonald. Doug White did not attend the meeting.



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Clothing Drive at Holy Trinity

by Daniela Sosa

Holy Trinity Catholic High School is hosting their annual Coat Drive. Originally launched by the late Jack MacFadden 15 years ago, to collect Coats for Kids, it has become an ongoing drive for donations of used coats and winter wear (hats, mittens, scarves and boots), for all ages.



This year, Holy Trinity is accepting Men's clothing, as well as winter wear. "The goal of the Coat Drive is to support the needs of the people in our community," said Chaplain and event co-ordinator, Mr. MacGregor.

On October 31, the students raised over 200 lbs. of used coats and other winter wear (the donations are weighed in pounds), all of which will be given to A Hand Up Clothing Room, located in the St. Mary's Building on Frederick St., and operated by CrossTrainers. There will also be a permanent drop box in the school, that will allow students to donate winter wear, whenever they wish.

"Thinking about all of the different families that have absolutely nothing, it makes me feel grateful for all that I have," said one Holy Trinity student. "Knowing that these people are without these essentials inspires me to want to help out in any way I can."

The event, always very successful, is a great way for the students to become more involved in helping others in the Bradford Community. The community is also welcome to visit the front office at Holy Trinity, on Melborne Drive, and donate to the Coat Drive.

Submitted Photo: Grade 10 HTHS students sort through coats in the chapel.

Diabetes Month proclamation

The Mayor and Council hereby proclaim November 1-30, 2014 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Whereas: Diabetes is a serious condition affecting more than 382 million people worldwide, with more than 9 million Canadians living with diabetes or prediabetes; and

Whereas: the cost of diabetes in Ontario is approximately $5.8 billion and is expected to rise to $7.6 billion by 2024; and

Whereas: there is a great need to raise funds for research into better methods of treatment and ultimately a cure; the Canadian Diabetes Association is leading the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while working to find a cure; and

Whereas: The CDA encourages communities throughout Ontario to observe Diabetes Awareness Month, to raise public awareness of diabetes and its related complications, and calls upon all citizens to combat this disease by familiarizing themselves with the diabetes warning signs, making healthy lifestyle choices and by accessing the best quality of care that Ontario provides;

Therefore be it Resolved that Mayor Doug White and Members of Council hereby proclaim Nov. 1-30, 2014 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the Town of BWG.

Register for Christmas Hampers

Struggling financially? In need of assistance to make sure that the holiday season will be a happy one?

The Helping Hand Food Bank is now taking registrations for Christmas Hampers and children's gifts all during the month of November.

Families, couples and individuals can register on any day that the food bank, located at 123 Moore St. in Bradford, is open - Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m., and Fridays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Helping Hand Food Bank at 905-775-2824.



Lynda Usher, left, chair of the Bond Head 175 Festival Committee, presents a cheque to Olivia Brett, Co-ordinator of volunteer services a Matthews House Hospice on October 8, representing the funds raised at the Concert in the Park, held in Bond Head. The final figure donated came to over $1200.

letters to the editor

Bond Head donation

To the editor: For the past several years, a Bond Head Committee has been busy working on events in the hamlet - a Reunion Picnic, Meet Your Neighbour Picnic, Bond Head 175 three-day festival celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Bond Head, the Dedication event for Sir William Osler, and most recently, Music in the Park, held in September.

The committee was really pleased with the success of Music in the Park. We appreciated support from many sources: close to 20 musicians who donated their wonderful talent; emcee George Stamper; close to 50 vintage cars and their drivers; two creative artists - Maureen Joyce and Ingrid Schienke; authors David Turner and Ron Pegg; Joe Lotto and the staff of the BWG Leisure Services department; International Plowing Match 2014 representatives who brought their wonderful cookbook; Sarah Caranci; Tasty Treats Ice Cream; and the Bond Head Lions Club.

A special thank you to all who attended and donated to our special fund. As a result, $1,206.72 will be donated to Matthews House Hospice.

Matthews House Hospice is a registered charity that serves this area, by providing caring, compassionate support to individuals, caregivers and loved ones, who are facing a life-limiting illness or grieving a loss.

Matthews House offers an integrated, holistic approach to supporting individuals and families.

MHH also operates a 4-bed Residential Hospice, in Alliston, that offers quality, compassionate and comfortable end-of-life care. At present, Matthews House is fundraising to build a 10-bed hospice, within the next few years.

If any resident in Bradford West Gwillimbury and areas west (Beeton, Tottenham, Cookstown, Alliston) needs assistance, please contact the Community Hospice at 705-435-7218 for more information. To have a speaker come to your organization, club or church, to explain Hospice and the services provided by Matthews House, please contact Lynda Usher, chair of the Speakers' Bureau, at 905-775-3188.

The Bond Head Committee - chair Lynda Usher, treasurer Pat Cranston, secretary Bev Ferguson, Directors Mikki Nanowski, Jim Cerswell and Barry Jaynes - have had a busy several years, and are pleased with their final event. The Committee extends an invitation to all, to come and visit the hamlet located at County Rds. 27 and 88, to enjoy a walking tour of the heritage homes, visit the Osler Cairn on the 7th Line - dedicated to the father of modern Canadian medicine, Sir William Osler - or sit on the bench dedicated in his name, in Bud Brown Memorial Park, and celebrate Bond Head's historical existence.

Lynda Usher, Chair Bond Head Committee

Wonder and Splendour thanks

To the editor: I would like to thank all the ladies who helped at the CWL Bazaar, Nov. 1 and 2. Thank you also to all who were in charge of the tables and their volunteers, and to those who donated baked goods, food such as soups, lasagna, quiche, sandwiches, croissants, eggrolls; those who donated items for the gift baskets, and crafts, books, plants, slightly used items, religious items and jewellery.

The volunteers were Mae Eek, Eva Schmich, Helen Gres, Maria Camarneiro, Joanne Ennamorata, Tina Gasper, Bernadette Pombiere, Debbie Moran, Gaby Dixon, Mary Molokach, Orysia Zacchigna, Mary Stevenson, Bernice Beaulieu, Julie Robinson, Laddie Balon, Giovanna Brunati, Dina Gutta, Carol Sargeant, Cynthia deBaermaker, Carol Belanger, Sharon Bellon, Angelita Ramsay, Stephanie Bobala, Marilyn Carvalho, Sylvia Castellani, Mikki Nanowski, Christine Houlieff, Mary Kavchak, Gerda Slykhuis, Petra Broks, Cecilia Podger.

Thanks too, to Carol Sargeant and Cynthia deBaermaker and their volunteers, for helping

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Bear necessities, at Coats for Kids



From right, Phil MacFadden, Jack the Bear, Catherine Snow and Maureen Bowering, at the Coats for Kids Depot on Frederick St. in Bradford - looking for donations of bears.

Coats for Kids, the grassroots program established by the late Jack MacFadden, has opened its doors for the season, downstairs in the St. Mary's "A" Hall off Frederick St. in Bradford.

Coats for Kids asks residents to donate gently-used and good quality Children's winterwear - from bunting bags, to snowsuits, to wintercoats, hats, mitts and boots - items which are then made available to families in need, at no cost. The goal is to ensure that no child has to face a cold Canadian winter unprepared.

Coats for Kids is currently looking for donations of gently-used, good quality children's winter wear, especially girls and boys' sizes 5 through 9 - but also Teddy Bears, for its "Adopt-a-Bear" program. Kids, when they come in looking for a coat, are also invited to "adopt" a cuddly teddy bear or other stuffed animal, to take home.

But stocks of teddy bears are running low. Coats for Kids president Phillip MacFadden has now launched a "Bear Drive," in addition to the appeal for winterwear, asking kids to share a bear. Any child who donates 1 or more bears will receive a ballot for a draw, for the biggest bear of all.

Measuring over 5' tall and nicknamed "Jack the Bear," the giant teddy was donate by Don Prest of Winners in Newmarket. The draw to win "Jack" will take place the final week in December.

Mother Teresa Catholic School is participating, noted MacFadden. "We're hoping other schools will join in."

The Depot is open Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. - and Tuesdays, from 1 to 3 p.m., to coincide with the hours of the Hand Up Clothing Room, operated by CrossTrainers across the parking lot, in the St. Mary's building.

Donations of gently-used children's winterwear can be dropped off at the office of The Bradford Times, 74 John St. West, or at the Depot during the hours of operation. For more information check out Coats for Kids on Facebook..

letters to the editor

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to sell raffle tickets at Carrotfest, Bradford Sobeys, and No Frills. We especially thank these 3 locations, who were gracious to allow us to sell these tickets.

A most grateful thank you to Peter Dykie for donating the second prize, a diamond pendant, and to Dom Duraes, Giovanna Brunati, and Debbie Moran for bringing Christmas decorations to and from the hall.

Winners of the Raffle were:
1st prize - Quilt - Laura Santos (ticket #3741)
2nd - Diamond Pendant - Matthew Simurda (ticket #2082)
3rd - Famous Players Theatre Tickets - Cindy Fernandes (ticket #1569)
4th - $150 in cash - Eva Schmich (ticket #1994)

Again, a most heartfelt thank you to all who helped, donated, and to the winners. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year. May the Lord bless you for all your good work.

Imelda Santos, President Catholic Women's League Holy Martyrs of Japan

Beautiful banners

To the Editor: I want to compliment the Town and especially the volunteers of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, on the banners that change throughout the year. Outstanding! I particularly noticed the special banners for Canada Day, and the flags for Remembrance Day.

The improvements to the downtown, with benches and flowers along the main street, have not gone unnoticed, and brighten up our Town!

Amanda Belanger, Bradford

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

- Tues. Dec. 16 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

UPCOMING BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Accessibility Advisory Committee

- Mon. Nov 24 @ 4:00 p.m., Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

Municipal Heritage Committee

- Mon. Nov 24 @ 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

Committee of Adjustment

- Wed. Nov 26 @ 6:30 p.m., Zima Room, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

PROCLAMATIONS

That his worship Mayor Doug White and Council Proclaim:

November 1-30	**Diabetes Awareness Month**
November 1-30	**Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month**

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Winter On-Street Parking Restrictions NOW IN EFFECT

BWG By-Law 94-047
Section 6.2(e) as amended

From November 1 to May 1 of each year, parking is prohibited on roads in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. regardless of whether there is snow present/expected.

The downtown crossroads are permitted an extra hour of parking to accommodate businesses that are open later.

Parking is permitted until 3:00 a.m. only on:

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This program will run until November 28, 2014. The flushing will take place during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

We hope to undertake the work on an area-by-area basis, but as the work may affect adjacent areas, we ask all customers to be patient during this time.

Should you experience discoloured water, please flush your system in the laundry tub and bath room for up to 10 minutes. If the water doesn't clear, please call our office at 905-778-2055 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

We thank all residents for their continuing assistance and cooperation.

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South Simcoe Police Services Board

- 1 appointee to represent Bradford West Gwillimbury on the Board along with the Mayors of Innisfil and BWG, and provincially appointed members.

Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board

- 2 appointees from Bradford West Gwillimbury who carry out farming practices within the Holland Marsh.

Committee of Adjustment

- 5 appointees from Bradford West Gwillimbury who consider applications under the Town's Zoning By-law.

Library Board

- 6 appointees from Bradford West Gwillimbury to ensure the provision of a free public library service that reflects the unique needs of the community.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

- 3 appointees from Bradford West Gwillimbury being persons with disabilities who will be champions for making the municipality accessible for all residents.

If you are interested in applying for one of the above, please find further information and application instructions for these positions on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the *Council & Committees* section, or at the Town's Administrative office as listed below.

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Losing Auxiliaries

The South Simcoe Police Service relies on a complement of 30 Auxiliary officers – trained volunteers who agree to provide at least 12 hours of service each month. The Auxiliaries provide assistance in many areas of policing, from Traffic and Marine, to manning the barricades and redirecting traffic during parades.

For some of the volunteers, the program is more than a means of giving back to their community. It can also be the stepping stone to a career in policing.

South Simcoe recently lost 5 of its Auxiliaries. One moved on to a supervisory job at Georgian Downs; four have been taken on full-time by other Police Services.

"It speaks very well (of the South Simcoe Program) that they've been hired by other Police services," said Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson at the November 17 meeting of the Police Services Board. He said that South Simcoe will be recruiting new Auxiliaries, to be trained by Spring – in time for next year's parades, and the Pan Am Games.

Wilson noted that the loss of available Auxiliaries – not only the 5 who have taken other employment, but two others who have been reassigned within the Police Service – meant that there wasn't enough manpower to fill all the traffic points during the November 15 Bradford Santa Claus Parade, "either with uniformed officers or Auxiliaries."

To ensure the same situation doesn't occur during the Innisfil Santa Claus Parade, scheduled for November 29, the Service plans to "reach out" to Georgian College, and use Policing Foundations program students to fill the gaps.

Chair of the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board, Sharon Villani noted that the loss of Auxiliaries presents a cost to the Service, in terms of training. She wondered if there was any way to ensure that volunteers agree to stay for at least a year or two, before taking other employment.

She was told that the only limit is the minimum hours per month.

The South Simcoe Police have no plan to hire full-time officers this year or next, but that could change, said Inspector Tom McDonald. "Our attrition over the next few years is going to be significant," with senior officers retiring from the service.

At the Bradford Legion

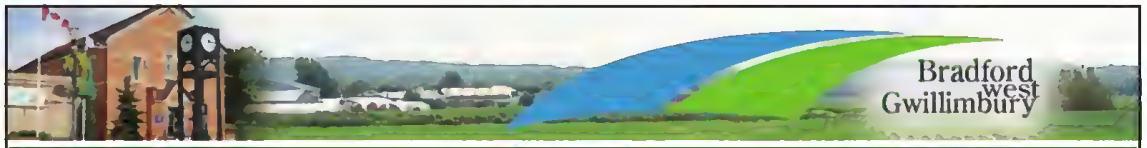
The **Ladies' Auxiliary Craft Show** takes place Sunday, November 23 at the Legion Hall, 115 Back St., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two rooms of vendors, selling unique and hand-crafted items. A light lunch will be available. Stop by and support local vendors - and the Ladies' Auxiliary!

On Saturday, December 13, the Legion will hold a **Christmas Social**, hosted by the Branch President and members of the Executive, at 7 p.m. Members are invited to drop by and enjoy the entertainment.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Now, the definition of "Veteran" has been broadened to include RCMP officers or any Peace Officer on a special duty operation. Contact Veteran Services Officer Sean Griffin at 705-251-0208.

Poppy Box Theft

York Regional police have arrested a 50 year old Bradford man and charged him with Theft under $5000, in the theft of a poppy box from the Canadian Tire Store in Aurora, November 7. Security video shows a man being dropped off by a red car in front of the store, entering, and walking to an unattended cash register, where he removes the box, conceals it under his coat, and exits the store. Court date is Dec. 23 in Newmarket.



NOTICE

Notice of Complete Application

Pursuant to Section 34(10.4) of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following application to amend Zoning By-law 2010-050:

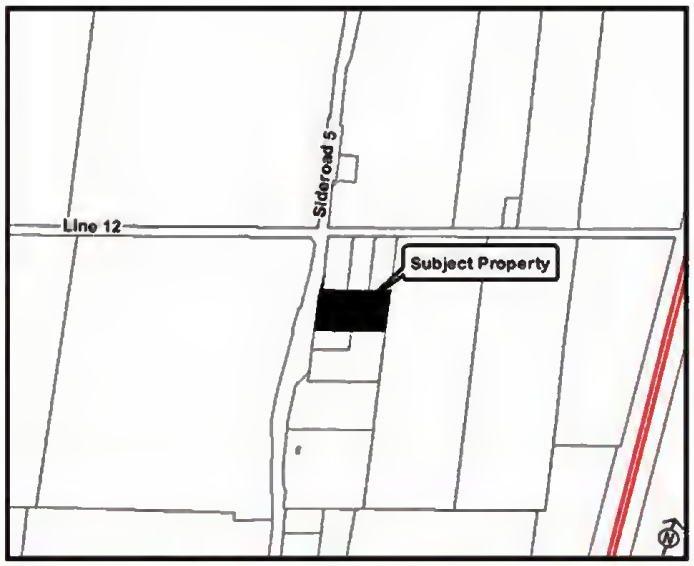
Owner: **Roger Sorensen**
Location: **4009 Sideroad 5**
File No.: **Z-14-16**

The applicant is seeking to rezone the subject lands to permit an accessory dwelling unit in an existing detached garage. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Detailed information regarding the application may be made available for public inspection by contacting Caroline Murphy, Planning Services Assistant, at (905) 775-5369 x1400 or cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

Prior to Council making a determination respecting the above-noted application, there will be at least one Public Meeting to give the public an opportunity to make representation. The date of the Public Meeting has not yet been determined. Notice of the Public Meeting will be given at least 20 days before the meeting is held, by way of notice in this newspaper and in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act.*

If a person or public body does not make oral submission at the Public Meeting or make written submission to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the passing or refusal of the Zoning By-law amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.



Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 20th day of November, 2014.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

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Retired Teachers of Ontario reach out to the Philippines



Friends from the Philippines and local supporters - including Tim and Jean McNair of Bradford West Gwillimbury - attended the cheque presentation by Gail King, president of the Retired Teachers of Ontario-Simcoe County, to Father Ben Ebcas

On November 8, the 1st anniversary of super-typhoon Haiyan - a fierce storm that ravaged the Pbilippines, leaving over 7,000 dead or missing, and over 4 million people homeless - the Retired Teachers of Ontario made a significant contribution, that will bring at least some relief.

A donation of $4,000 was presented to Father Ben Ebcas, from an RTO provincial fund to assist worthy charities and causes.

Father Ben Ebcas and his parishioners at Our Lady of the Assumption in Toronto have been collecting donations of food, clothing and money, and sending them to the Sisters of Charity in Tacloban City - one of the areas hardest hit by Typhoon Haiyan.

Gail King, president of the Retired Teachers of Ontario-Simcoe County (District 17) presented the funds, which will be used to restore the damaged roof of an orphanage run by the Sisters.

The District was asked to make a donation by Jean McNair of Bradford West Gwillimbury and her husband Tim, who have been helping collect clothing and food for the orphanage. "Every year, District 17 has up to $4000 to put out to organizations in Simcoe County, and Jean had applied," explained King. But the cause, the Retired Teachers felt, was "worthy of more than we could give."

With a total budget of only $4000, and other commitments, District 17 instead applied to the Provincial RTO, which distributes $100,000 each year in grants to a range of causes. RTO/ERO has over 71,000 members, including retired elementary, secondary, Public, Catholic, English and French language school teachers.

The application was received in May; in October, it was confirmed that among the 31 successful applications was a donation to Father Ebcas, for the maximum of $4,000.

"It's teachers giving back," King said, as she made the presentation at the Church of the Evangelists in Tottenham.



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Photo and story by Miriam King, Sunmedia

From left, Councillor Raj Sandhu, Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer, Gwen Cottingham, Councillor-elect Gary Baynes, Jennifer Shin of SFL, Councillor-elect Peter Ferragine, Councillor James Leduc at the 1st Anniversary of Simply For Life.

Simply For Life celebrates an anniversary

Gwen Cottingham, owner of the Simply For Life franchise in Bradford, celebrated the business's 1st anniversary, on Nov. 16.

"It's nice to be over that 'first-year' hurdle. That's always the hardest," she said. The biggest challenge has been explaining the premise behind "Simply For Life."

It's not a weight loss clinic, or a company that sells special products or supplements, although it does have a retail component. Simply For Life simply specializes in nutrition counselling, helping people become healthy, and maintain their health.

"You don't need to be popping pills," Cottingham said. "I'm very passionate about teaching people to be preventative about their health... That's what I'm here to do - help."

The first visit, a half-hour consultation, is free. Subsequent weekly visits will create an individualized meal plan, geared to each person's health needs, and medications. Each meal plan provides information and recipes that are simple and nutritious, with "five ingredients or less. Just normal ingredients," available in any grocery store. The program will even teach its clients about healthy choices at restaurants.

"It's not hard to change your lifestyle with food," and education. "It's very easy to fix with food ... Just food. No special supplements."

Attending the first anniversary were members of the new Council, current Deputy Mayor and Mayor-elect Rob Keffer, Councillor/Deputy Mayor-elect James Leduc, Councillors Raj Sandhu, Peter Ferragine and Gary Baynes.

"This is a product people are beginning to turn to... to eat and live well," said Leduc.

"It's a great company. People realize that it's more important, what we eat, all the time," added Deputy Mayor Keffer, congratulating Cottingham.

Simply For Life Natural Market is located at 157 Holland St. East. For more information, call 905-778-9998, or see Simply for Life on Facebook.

COMFORT STRIDE FOOT CLINIC
Season's Greetings

Holiday Sock Drive!
Please bring in any new or lightly used socks for the Blue Door Shelters. Or in lieu of socks, you can donate $2 per pair of socks.
It's a great time to give and a very important time to receive.
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We prefer socks of all kinds with a special focus on men's and women's socks. We will take children's socks as well.

Women in Skilled Trades

Only 4% of skilled tradespeople in Ontario are women.

That's a statistic that OYAP, the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, and Skills Canada Ontario are hoping to change, by attracting more young women to "non-traditional" jobs in the Trades.



The Skills Work! For Women Career Exploration was a special networking and mentoring event, held at the Nottawasaga Inn and Resort, Nov. 13 - designed to introduce young women to some of the options. A total of 177 female high school students in grades 9 through 12, from approximately 15 schools in the York Region Catholic, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic, and Simcoe County District School Boards were invited to attend.

"This event is one way we can encourage female students to explore the trades as a career option," said OYAP co-ordinator for the SCDSB, Sarah Kekewich.

In the morning, students tried hands-on activities, including learning about electricity, and watched the documentary, "Bridging the Gap", about the challenges and benefits of working in Skilled Trades.

After lunch, they broke into groups, and heard 11 women mentors talk about "Resiliency in the Trades," "How to stand out as a Worker - not a Female Worker," and "What Skills are necessary to Succeed in the Trades?"

The mentors were frank about the challenges women face when working in skilled trades - including the resentment of male co-workers.

"There is a process going on. The question is, how do you deal with those things as they arise?" said Georgian College teacher Lynn MacKinlay. After 25 years as a cabinet maker, she noted, "Things happen every day" - but advised the students to "pick your battles... Find a balance in how much you want to fight, because it can be exhausting!"

There was advice on how to find a pathway into the Trades - through family, through school certification, through OYAP and apprenticeship programs.

"I think anything can lead to the pathway," said Lorraine Vella, of Hydro One. "It's where your decisions lead you."

And there was advice on getting noticed, for all of the right reasons. "Be prepared for the interview. Research that company. You have to show some interest in the job," Vella said.

The young women were also told to pay attention to their appearance: wear work clothes - not short skirts, tone down the make-up, and leave the perfume at home. "You want to be professional," said Calli Doucette, 4th Year Construction Electrician apprentice. "You're not there to meet anyone."

She added "Your attitude is everything!"

Construction and Maintenance electrician, now electrical inspector Diana Madill had more advice. "Listen to what the boss is telling you. Put pride into your work and do the job... Take pride in being good at what you do." And be prepared, at least at first, to get all the worst jobs.

The reward, besides the satisfaction of dealing with the challenges? "A big fat pay cheque at the end of the day," said Carol Bertram, of Bertram Construction.

"Events like this allow girls with that interest to see other girls that are interested. They're not isolated, one or two in a school... It's been a hugely inspiring day."

Electrician Diana Madill mentors girls.

Susan Wright Memorial Classroom, at BDHS



From left, George and Marion Wright, Nancy (Wright) and Doug Fowler attended the official opening of the Susan Wright Memorial Outdoor Classroom at Bradford District High School on November 14. The family approved the use of money in a Memorial Trust Fund, to transform the courtyard off the school Library into an outdoor learning environment, with seats and benches.

Susan Wright graduated from Bradford District High School in 1975, and in 1978, after attending Humber College, she returned to BDHS to work as Attendance Secretary.

She was on the staff when, in 1979, she died in a tragic accident.

A trust fund was set up in her memory, with the goal of supporting student awards. The annual Susan Wright Memorial Undergraduate Awards were established to honour achievement in Grades 9 through 11.

Last year, however, the school and the family of Susan Wright decided to make a change. The Awards were terminated, and the Trust Fund released the money that it still held, to go towards creating an outdoor classroom in the school's courtyard.

On November 14, 2014, the Susan Wright Memorial Classroom was officially opened.

Representing the family were Georgian and Marian Wright of Cookstown, and Nancy (Wright) and Doug Fowler of Collingwood.

There were 6 siblings in all, noted Nancy. "Susan was our baby - she was the youngest - and we all went to Bradford High... All the nieces and nephews, they're all Bradford, too."

The outdoor classroom includes an amphitheatre of large stones, that can easily accommodate 36 students at a time, plus benches, and a plaque.

The classroom has already been put to good use. "The kids love it," said Librarian Joanne Bridgeman-Sparks. "They love getting out here, at lunch, at spare."

And when the warmer weather returns, it will be used by teachers, to hold classes out of doors.

All smiles, at Pizza Pizza!

Bradford's Pizza Pizza store, 168 Holland St. West, sold Slices for Smiles coupons all during the month of October as part of the annual Pizza Pizza fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. It's a program to raise "dough" for children's hospitals - to date, over $1.3 million.

Slices for Smiles is now over, but the local Pizza Pizza store has other events planned for November. Franchise owner Ali Saritas is inviting kids to sign up for Pizza Pizza Class. The kids will don Pizza Pizza shirts and caps, and create their own pizzas, under the supervision of staff. At the end of the class, they'll get to enjoy their own, hand-made pizzas for lunch!



"The kids are our future customers," Ali says, noting that Pizza Pizza Class is fun, educational - and delicious.

For information, call 905-775-3908.



Here comes Santa Claus

At the Parade!

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Next year's parade will be run by the Town's Leisure Services department, although many of the same volunteers will still be involved, working hard to ensure that Santa is welcomed to Town.

Paramedics' Toy & Clothing Drive

The Simcoe County Paramedics are once again holding their Toy and Used Clothing Drive, to help those in need during the Holiday Season. Paramedics will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped Toys, and gently-used clothing at various Santa Claus parades throughout Simcoe County - and were at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Santa Claus Parade on November 15.

Donations can also be dropped off at the Bradford Station, located at 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway, Units 7 and 8; a drop box will be in place at the Station until December 15.

For more information on this annual Toy and Clothing Drive, contact Owen Van Dyke at ***owen.vandyke@simcoe.ca*** or 905-251-3258.

Help to Adopt-A-Family at BDHS

Bradford District High School is launching its annual "Adopt a Family" campaign. The school works with the Helping Hand Food Bank to identify local families in need; then each class teacher "adopts" a family, and raises funds and donates toys to meet their wish lists. There are no names provided, and privacy is strictly preserved. Each class only knows the number of children, if they are boys or girls, how old they are – and what they hope Santa will bring them.

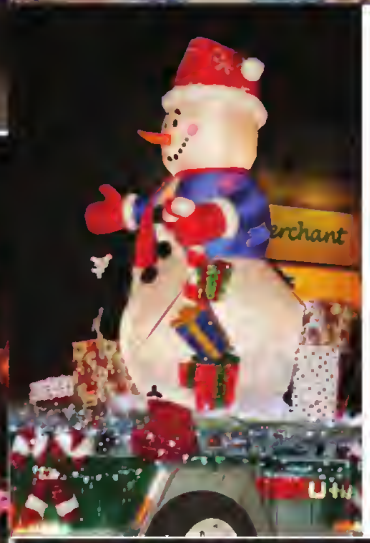
Last year, BDHS Staff, students and parents raised a whopping $8,900, through bake sales, coin drives and other fundraisers, and generous donations from the public.

This year, parents of students are once again being asked to support the program – and anyone in the community who would like to donate a toy, gift card, cash, etc., is asked to contact Jenn Brake at 905-775-2262 ext. 41361 or ***jbrake @ scdsb.on.ca***

















Above, "Frozen" float by Botas Electrical; at left, Summerlyn Dental's Big Snowman in the parade.
Below, Kawartha Kavaliers marching band - one of many that enlivened the Parade. Bottom, Splashy's Swim 'n Fitness float.
Facing page, from top: EduKids Childcare Centre marchers; Elf in parade; Running penguins; waiting for the parade to start; Back Alley Cruisers' decorated pick-up.

Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Clockwise from left: Giant nutcracker created by the BWG Santa Claus Parade Committee and donated to the Town; Dragon dancers; Bradford Lions Club's "Cars" float featuring the Club's Lion mascot; a "Present" from Progress Child Care Centres, in the Santa Claus Parade, Nov. 15.











Welcome to Santa's Corner!

Santa Claus arrives at Upper Canada Mall this weekend, for "Pet Photos with Santa," on Saturday evening, November 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. An opportunity to have your pet professionally photographed with Santa.

The **2nd Annual Ribfest Toy Drive and Fundraiser** takes place Saturday, November 29 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Summerlyn Dental Clinic, on Holland St. W. Bring in any new, unwrapped toy to help CrossTrainers provide a merry Christmas for families in need, and enjoy free face-painting or balloon animals, free rib-tasting courtesy of Camp 31 BBQ, and a free Photo with Santa. For details, call 905-775-7355.

Breakfast with Santa

The Bradford Lions Club presents Breakfast with Santa! Saturday, November 29 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road. Come and enjoy a Buffet Breakfast, served up by the Lions - and bring camera, to take3 photos with Santa Claus.

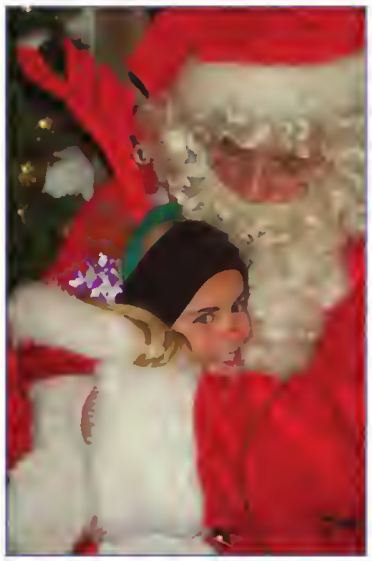
Breakfast is $5 per person, kids under 12 (accompanied by an adult) eat for free when they bring an item of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank. A fundraiser for the Food Bank!

All are welcome.

The Innisfil Community Events Corporation (I.C.E. Corp.) hosts the **2014 Innisfil Santa Claus Parade** on Sunday, November 30 in Alcona, starting at 1:30 p.m. - on the theme "Make a Dream Come True." Participants are asked to decorate their floats to depict Christmas morning, illustrating what kids think might make a Dream Come True after Santa's visit - and to include presents, toys and teddy bears, to be donated to Christmas for Kids. To enter a float visit ***www.icecorp.org.***

Pet Photos with Santa, at Pet Valu in Bradford, 442 Holland St. West - Sunday, November 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get a professional 5" x 7" photo of your pet with Santa, for only $10 - all proceeds to the Lions Foundation of Canada's Dog Guide Program! For more information, see ***www.petvalubradford.com***

Christmas Past and Present at the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy 26 north of Barrie, on December 4 and 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy Festive music, crafts, refreshments and food, lantern-lit pathways and horse-drawn carriage rides. Admission is $6 adults, $5 Srs. and Students, $4 for children. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Simcoe County Paramedics' Toy Drive. For information, contact 705-728-3721 or ***museum@simcoe.ca***

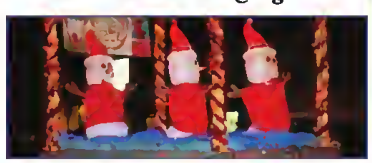


Rylin gets a great big hug from Santa Claus at Cookstown's Light Up Night celebration, on Friday, November 14. Santa listened to Christmas wishes at the Olde Bulldog Beanery, before taking his place on his sleigh, for the Cookstown Santa Claus Parade.

The Cookstown Antique Barn iwelcomes the festive season, with a **Victorian Christmas**, December 6 and 7 at the Barn on County Rd. 27. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., drop in to see the twin live Christmas trees - decorated with modern and vintage decorations, all of them for sale - and enjoy seasonal cheer. Please bring a donation for the Salvation Army.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury presents **Celebrate Christmas**, on Friday, December 5 at the Leisure Centre. Includes a Tree-Lighting Ceremony with free hot chocolate and carol-singing at 6 p.m in Sunshine Square - followed by free leisure skating at the Centre, beginning at 6:40 p.m. sponsored by Royal LePage At Your Service, seasonal crafts for kids upstairs in the Multi-purpose room, and free photos with Santa. It's an opportunity for the whole community to come out and enjoy a seasonal celebration!

On Saturday, December 6, come to the Elman Campbell Museum, 134 Main Street South in Newmarket, for an opportunity to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and visit with **Santa Claus**, 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free - presented by the Friends of the Museum. Don't forget to bring your camera, for photos with Santa. For more information, call 905-953-5314 or email ***elmanmuseum@rogers.com***



Seasonal Treats

Bradford Valley Long Term Care Centre, 2656 - Line 6 BWG, holds its ***Christmas Bazaar*** on Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of vendors, home-baking and more. Proceeds go the Bradford Valley Residents' Council.

Bradford Alliance Church hosts its 2nd annual ***Operation Christmas Cheer*** on Saturday, November 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop by to visit the displays of nearly 25 vendors at the church, located at 752 Simcoe Rd. - and help raise funds to adopt local families in need. Last year's fundraiser raised over $1,600, and filled the wish lists of 3 families, providing everything from toys to grocery gift cards.

Simcoe Manor, 5988 - 8th Line in Beeton, holds its ***Christmas Craft & Bake Sale*** on Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Auditorium. Space is now available for $25; vendors are asked to contact Rose at 905-729-2267 ext. 5083, or Amber at 905-729-2267 ext. 5081.

On Saturday, November 29, Churchill United Church, on Yonge St. in Innisfil, hosts its annual ***Christmas Bazaar***, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baking, Crafts, Tea Table and Sandwiches. All welcome. For information, contact Vicki at 705-456-1562.

St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill is hosting another **Antique Sale,** at Roadshow Antique Market (400 Market), Saturday, November 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All items have been donated by parishioners, and appraised by the professionals. All reasonable offers will be considered - don't be afraid to ask!
This is the 2nd St. Peter's Antique Sale, and this time, the

see SEASONAL Page 15



The Sugar Plum Fair, held at the Nottawasaga Inn Resort, offers Christmas shoppers a selection of "treats" - the creations of over 100 vendors and crafters, featuring everything from the charming hand-painted gourds of Northern Dipper, to hand-knit sweaters, polar fleece scarves and mitts, quilts, turned wood, jewellery, mosaic glass art, fudge and buttertarts, and the hand-made bird houses of "Mrs. Craftypants."

The eclectic show drew thousands of visitors, over the November 15-16 weekend, and featured many local vendors - including Dickey Bee Honey of Innisfil, the upcycled handbags of Echoes in the Attic, and Bradford puppeteer Brenda Reimer, with her muppet-style puppets, "Bug Gloves' and information on puppet-making workshops for kids.

Shoppers strolled down Candy Cane Lane and Mistletoe Trail, browsed and sampled, and stocked up on Christmas gifts.



Top: Brenda Reimer, puppeteer. At right, Vicky Gerke of Echoes in the Attic.

Focus on Community

There are Fairies in the Library...

Artist Corrine Donnelly has always had a fondness for Fairies.

Coming from a Nova Scotia Scots tradition, fairy tales were part of her childhood, and her Bradford home is filled with "fairy stuff", including books and figurines that she has collected or that friends have sent her.



She recently received two Cheerios spread with icing and sprinkles: "Fairy donuts!"

Donnelly also paints fairies – and from November 18 until January, her Fairy works will be on display at the Bradford Public Library - with a special interactive twist.

"Though this "Fairy Happenings" exhibit has been on my bucket list for a while, I decided to add a "fairy door" component," she says. She first learned about Fairy Doors online – a form of art installation that involves the sudden appearance of tiny, hand-crafted doors, just big enough for the "wee folk", in parks and other public places.

She began crafting tiny doors of her own – modifying wooden flowers, plaques and other materials, using the hooks from "hooks and eyes" as door handles, adding buttons, mirrors and pins for decoration, and painting each one.

Donnelly created 52 of the tiny doors, and this week, began placing them at local businesses – with instructions to bring the door to the Bradford Library at 425 Holland St. West by November 24, to become part of the exhibit. "At this point in time I have no idea how many will arrive in the display case, but I am forever hopeful," she says.

The invitation is open to the designated recipient, or to others who find the doors. The note states, "Your garden fairy ordered a new fairy door and I hope it meets with your approval." Just one warning, though: "Only fairies can safely open the doors."

To see all 52 doors, check out Fairy Happenings at ***JustArtLessons.ca*** or stop by the library.

As for Donnelly, she's having a ball. "This is my fun, my play!"

Photo: Corrine Donnelly places a tiny Fairy Door outside a downtown business, before it opens.

History at the Bradford Library

Training at the Exhibition grounds, living on tinned corn beef and hard tack, using horses to haul equipment through the deep mud and carrier pigeons to carry messages from the trenches - the challenges and hardships of World War I were the focus of the November 15 meeting of the Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association.

Historian Bill Marks presented information from his own collection and the collections of other members, the Bradford Legion, and newspaper articles marking the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, in the Green Room of the Bradford Public Library.



It was a fascinating look at "The Great War." Marks spoke about the replacement of the Canadian-made Ross Rifle - which was "too heavy, too long, too unreliable... They were known to jam all the time" - with the Enfield rifle in 1917, and the use of carrier pigeons, "the only good reliable source of communications."

He also explained that "horses played a key role in World War I" - not in the Cavalry, but for heavy work, hauling guns and supplies. Approximately 20 million horses were "drafted" for use in the war; the horses had an average lifespan of only a few weeks.

"They suffered the same hazards as soldiers," Marks said - facing shelling, disease, or drowning in shell holes. And that was after they survived crossing the Atlantic, when many horses were swept overboard, or suffered broken legs on the rough passage.

A contingent of horses was sent from the Toronto Mounted Police, to do war service. Only one gelding, known as "Bunny", survived the war - but was not brought home. Instead the horse was sold as 'war surplus' to Belgium.

At the meeting, Marks also accepted a cheque from the Wilson's Hill Cemetery Board, presented by the board's final Trustee, Bob Sturgeon. The funds will be used for signage and maintenance at the Pioneer cemetery, located at County Rd. 27 and the 12 Line of BWG.

Sturgeon was appointed to the Board while serving as a Councillor for the Township of West Gwillimbury. At the time, there was little money available - but the board could "borrow" Twp. equipment and staff to carry out maintenance. Even so, Sturgeon remembered, while Wilson's Hill was still in use, "there was no way to get a casket up the hill except by manpower, and there was a rest stop part way up."

At left, Tom Campbell, with WWI photo of George and Russell Saint of Bradford; below, Bob Sturgeon, left, presents a cheque to Bill Marks.



More Books @ the Bradford Library



The Friends of the BWG Public Library set new records, at their **Fall Book Sale**, held Nov. 14-16 at the Bradford Library.

Not only did they have more quality books donated than ever - "Boxes and boxes and boxes," said Milt Calder - but 30 families paid a premium on Friday night, to get first pick of the donations.

"That's a record, and we made a record amount of money," said Calder. "People were very generous."



Even after the preview sale, there was an enormous selection to choose from when the doors opened on Saturday morning. Tables set up in the foyer and the Zima Room were filled with choice volumes, from best-sellers to Giller Prize winners, How-To books, children's stories and picture books.

The sale continued on Sunday - and there were still volumes left over. "We'll do another sale in March," Calder promised.

The Book Sale wasn't the only event happening at the Library on Saturday. The Free Family Saturday, a drop-in program for kids 3 and up (accompanied by a parent or caregiver) offered games, activities and crafts, on the theme of "The Enchanted Forest."

Little Elves and fairies were everywhere.Kids could make fairy wands, magic masks, tiny toadstools for a fairy garden, dress up in wings and crowns, or try an elf-bow. Grown-ups were welcome to get in on the fun.

The next Free Family Saturday is Saturday, December 6. **Trim the Tree** at the Library! is a free drop-in program for all ages. Make a decoration for your own tree, and another for the Library. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy crafts and activities; Children's Choir sings from 12 to 1 p.m., and dancers perform, 1 to 2 p.m.

Local authors: Notorious Ontario

The latest book by local authors Maria Da Silva and Andrew Hind, *Notorious Ontario: Outlaws, Criminals and Gangsters*, will be of special interest to residents of Bradford.

The book provides one of the best and most detailed accounts of the robbery of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in 1951 by Lenny "Tough Lennie" Jackson.

The bank building, at the corner of Barrie and Holland Sts., is now Coffee Culture Café, and the robbery by a "member of the Boyd Gang" is part of local lore.

As Da Silva and Hind point out, Jackson didn't like being described as part of the gang of Edwin Alonzo Boyd. He was leader of his own gang when he robbed the Bradford bank, and exchanged gunfire with local constable Reg Wilson.

The book is uneven, but still a fascinating read - providing details of The Newton Brothers' Canadian capers, and domestic murders in an era of capital punishment and rudimentary forensic science.

Published by Quagmire Press, it is available for $18.95 at local bookstores, or from Lone Pine Publishing, 2311-96 St., Edmonton, Alberta, AB T6N 1G3, or 1-800-661-9017.

Playwrights wanted

Four Play, A Showcase of Play Readings, will take place at South Simcoe Theatre's Old Town Hall Theatre, June 4 to 7, 2015 - and SST is now looking for sketches and plays, by new or established playwrights. Deadline for submission is Nov. 30. For details, see ***www.southsimcoetheatre.com*** or call 705-458-4432.

Arts & Entertainment!



The artists of the Around the Corners Art Tour have organized a show and sale of their work, **Just Around the Corners...** at the Cookstown Chamber of Commerce offices, 19 Queen St. until November 30 - on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Works by 9 participating artists include paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolour and mixed media, as well as photography, sculpture, jewellery, fused glass, cards and unique books. **Photo: Artist Christina Luck, with her painting of a semi-trailer attempting to turn the corner at Hwy. 89 and County Rd. 27, in the heart of Cookstown.**

A new exhibit has opened at Art Unique Gallery & Gifts, located at 4293 - 2nd Line Innisfil, just north of Cookstown. **"Friends through Art"** features works by Mary Cellucci, Jennie Clark, Jeanette Lucchese and Karen Wild - who met through their involvement with the Innisfil Arts, Culture & Heritage Council. Until January 6, 2015. See ***www.artunique.ca***



"In the Name of", a Benefit Concert for Matthews House Hospice, will take place at the Gibson Cultural Centre, 63 Tupper West in Alliston on Saturday, November 22, starting at 6:30 p.m. A collaboration of The Gibson Centre and South Simcoe Arts Council, the Concert is described as a night of music and laughter. Tickets online at ***www.southsimcoeartscouncil.com,*** or at the door.

Tapestry Chamber Choir, under the musical direction of Tony Browning, presents **"Hope and Joy,"** a concert featuring Hope: Music inspired by the Great War, and Joy: Music in celebration of Christmas. Sunday, November 30 at Trinity United Church, Park and Main Sts. in Newmarket at 3 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, $20. Seniors and students pay $15; students under 18 are free. For more information, see ***www.tapestrychoir.ca***

The **"Bradford Children's Choir"**, under the musical direction of Danielle Aaron, performs a concert that will include Christmas Favourites, movie tunes, and Latin pieces, on Sunday, November 30 at the Bradford Community Church, 7 p.m. For more information see The Bradford Children's Community Choir facebook page, or call 705-331-6058. This is the 2nd year for the Choir, which participated in the BWG Santa Claus Parade. Bradford Community Church is located at the 9th Line, and Yonge.

1914 Christmas Truce Concert: Carols and Letters from the Trenches of World War I, on Friday, December 5, at The Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Marylake, 13760 Keele St. in King City, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 each, free for children 12 and under. For tickets contact Elaine at 905-841-4041, Diana at 905-859-3965, the King Twp. Museum, 905-833-2331 or The Shrine at Marylake, 905-833-5368. Features Villanova College's Concert Band, and the Vocal Quartet of the University of Toronto Faculty of Music - a presentation of the King Township Historical Society.

The United Churches of Innisfil - Churchill, Stroud, Gilford and Lefroy - present **Innispirit of Christmas**, an afternoon of music and poetry at Churchill United Church, 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Admission is a donation of non-perishable food or cash, to Christmas for Kids.

Music In Motion Performing Arts studio held its end-of-year recitals, November 1 and 2, on the theme, "Heritage." The Bradford musical arts school currently has students who can trace their roots to 22 different countries, including England, Scotland, Norway, France, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The studio at 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway was transformed into a café, with tables, chairs, and treats from around the world - and at each recital, MIMPA students sang and played from an international repertoire.



Winter Benefit Concert for Fedora Foundation

Suzanne Grondin and Students hold their annual **Winter Benefit Concert** on Saturday, December 6 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 8th Line BWG and 10 Sideroad. The 2 p.m. concert is a Benefit for Joey Mazzucco's Fedora Foundation, which provides iPad Minis to kids battling cancer. Admission is by donation!

Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition

On November 20th and 21st over three hundred Marketing and Advertising students representing more than a dozen Ontario colleges will go for the gold.

For more than three decades, the Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition has brought together the best students in Ontario's colleges to compete in ten different categories.

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community listings

MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR CHILDREN (CAPC) PROGRAM NEW DATE: The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) has moved from Mondays (4-6 p.m.) to Thursdays (1 to 3 p.m.,) at the Ontario Early Years Centre, Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St. For more information, call the CAPC Office at 905-775-1498.

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fundraising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Saturday only, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgemental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Childcare available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford,on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chats.on.ca

THURS., NOV. 20

LUNCH & LEARN WORKSHOP: Presented by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Nottawasaga Futures, at the Bradford Public Library Zima Room, 425 Holland St. West, 12 to 1:30 p.m. Includes a presentation by Lotte Struing, owner of Lasting Solutions, on "Managing Your Human Resources - Practical Tips for Hiring. Free, but please pre-register with Robin Brown, 1-800-509-7554 or robin@nottawasaga.com

SAT., NOV. 22

SIMCOE MANOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE: Simcoe Manor in Beeton holds its show and sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BRADFORD VALLEY LONG TERM CARE CENTRE: Bradford Valley's annual Christmas Bazaar features lots of vendors, home baking and more, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the long term care centre, 2656 - Line 6. A fundraiser for the Bradford Valley Residents' Council. For information, call Sadie Friesner, 905-952-2274.

BRADFORD ALLIANCE CHURCH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER: Nearly 25 vendors will be selling their wares at Bradford Alliance Church, 752 Simcoe Rd., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop by, and help raise funds to fulfil the Christmas wish lists of local families in need.

BARRIE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB AUTUMN DANCE: At the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie. Line dancing instruction at 7:30 p.m., regular dance at 8 p.m. $13 for members, $19 for guests, includes a substantial Late Night snack. For info see www.bbdc.ca

PEROGY SUPPER AT ST. MICHAEL'S: St. Michael's Ukrainian Church hosts a Perogy Supper, $10 - $14 for a dinner of potato and cheddar perogies, sausage, salad, dessert, tea or coffee from 4 to 7 p.m. Pay at the door.

SUN., NOV. 23

BRADFORD LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY CRAFT & GIFT SHOW: At the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors selling unique items and custom crafts, plus a light lunch available for purchase.

THURS., NOV. 27

BOND HEAD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AGM & POTLUCK: At the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, 7:30 p.m. Jennifer Ferragine will talk about Decorating Your Christmas Tree. The evening will also feature Election of Officers, and Award presentations.

SAT., NOV. 29

CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Churchill United Church, in Churchill Innisfil, hosts its Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with Baking, Crafts, Tea Table and Sandwiches. For more information call Vicki, 705-456-1562.

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ANTIQUE SALE: The antiques have been donated by parishioners, and appraised by the professionals at Roadshow Antiques (at the 400 Market). Now they will be offered for sale, as a fundraiser for the church - inside Roadshow Antiques, at the back of the building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop by - and make an offer! All reasonable offers will be considered. For info, call Carole, 705-431-2428 or Linda, 705-436-9769.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: The Bradford Lions Club presents Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. - a fundraiser for the Helping Hand Food Bank. Buffet Breakfast is $5 - free for accompanied kids under 12, with a donation of non-perishable food for the food bank. Bring a camera to take photos with Santa.

SUN., NOV. 30

INNISFIL SANTA CLAUS PARADE: Starts 1:30 p.m. at Innisfil Beach Park, and parades up Innisfil Beach Rd. to Jans Blvd. on the theme, "Make a Dream Come True."

BRADFORD CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CONCERT: Christmas favourites, popular movie tunes, Latin pieces - performed by the Children's Choir, under the musical direction of Danielle Aaron, 7 p.m. at the Bradford Community Church, 9th Line BWG at Yonge. For more information call 705-331-6058 or see Bradford Children's Community Choir on Facebook.com

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CATHOLIC CHURCH FEAST DAY: Mass at the church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head at 10 a.m., with homilist Father Edward Jackman, O.P. - followed by a fundraising luncheon at 12 p.m. - soup, meat on a stick, cabbage rolls, mixed vegetables, Caesar Salad, tea, coffee and dessert only $15 adults, $7 for children ages 7-12, free for kids 6 and under. For information call 905-775-8282. All welcome.

TAPESTRY CHAMBER CHOIR PRESENTS HOPE & JOY: A Concert by the Tapestry Chamber Choir at Trinity United Church, Park & Main Sts. in Newmarket on Nov. 30 at 3 p.m. Hope - Music inspired by the Great War - and Joy, music in celebration of Christmas. Tickets at the door, $20 - Students and Seniors are $15, students under 18 free. For information see www.tapestrychoir.ca

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1466 Sideroad #5, Bradford.
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdalecrc.net

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy 27 & Conc. 10 Tecumseth.
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School Available
905-775-2512

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065
Masses
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.,10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Service 10 am
Sunday School Available
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7266
Service -10 am
Sunday School Available
www.bradfordunited.com

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
(8th Line & Middlatown SR)
905-775-7274
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery provided.
stjohnspresbytarian.ca

The Baha'i World Faith
905-551-2219
www.Baha'i.org

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
18 Hearn St. Bond Head, Sunday Eucharist:
9:30am (Ukrainian), 11:30am (English)
905-775-8282
info@stcatharineofalaxandria.ca

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-775-9268, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy #11 & Conc. #9
Thursday Worship, Starting June 5th 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

St. Michael's Ukrainian
Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd, Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Priest 905-715-0105

Riverdrive Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
#20246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18935 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodini
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcrc@rogars.com

Greater Life Community Church
The Church in the library
425 Holland St. W, Bradford
Christian Education: 10:30 am
Morning Worship: 11:00 am
(647)718-7849
www.greaterlifeonline.com

Voices of Joy VOJ Cantata

Hallelujah, Christ is Born!

Celebrate with the VOJ Voices of Joy choir at Bethel Community Christian Reformed Church, 333 Davis Drive in Newmarket on Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy the Cantata, join in the Carol Sing, and share in the refreshments - by freewill offering.

For more information on the Cantata, please contact Peter VanderKooij at 905-775-7174 or Janet deWinter at ***j.dewinter@sympatico.ca***

Sports

BWGMHA Local Leagues

PEEWEE LL

Nov. 3, Bradford Peewee #1 – 3, Schomberg – 0. Goals by Jake Crane, Tristan Davis and Zack Brown from Anthony Gammichia, Charlie Lowden, Christopher Lotto and Crane. Shutout to Ryan Kiernan.

Nov. 8, Beeton – 5, Bradford #1 – 3. Scoring by Christopher Lotto with the hat trick, on assists from Josh Langille (3), Zack Brown (2) and Ryan Gilbert.

Nov. 14, Bradford #1 – 0, Innisfil #1 – 0. Outstanding goaltending by Ryan Kiernan with his 3rd shutout of the season. Outstanding defensive play by Dakota Mazurek, Quinn Hope, Ethan Pinto and Connor Huggett.

Nov. 16, Bradford #4 – 1, Bradford #1 – 0. Another great game from both teams, and outstanding netminding by Bradford #1's Ryan Kiernan.

Nov. 17, Bradford #1 – 3, Thornton #1 – 0. A fourth shutout of the season for Ryan Kiernan. Goals by Christopher Lotto, Jake Johnson and Ryan Gilbert, from Russel Williams, Steven DePeuter, Connor Huggett, Jake Crane and Josh Langille. Super effort by the whole team, with special mentions to Tristan Davis, Langille, Williams, Charlie Lowden, and Johnson.

Jr. A. Teams in the Santa Claus Parade



Bradford's 2 GMHL Junior A hockey teams - the Bradford Bulls and the Bradford Rattlers - participated in the BWG Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 15, both riding on a float, and walking the parade route.

Parish Feast Day at St. Catherine's

On Sunday, November 30, St. Catherine of Alexandria Byzantine Catholic Church, located at 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, will celebrate its annual Parish Feast Day.

Pastor, Monsignor Conrad Dachuck will celebrate the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10 a.m., and Fr. Edward Jackman, O.P., will preach the homily. The church will be open from 8:30 a.m.; anyone wishing to come to confession may do so from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The historic church, the former Trinity Anglican, was established in 1839 by Rev. Canon Featherstone Osler, father of the famous Canadian physician, Sir William Osler. St. Catherine's Parish purchased the building in 2008. This year, St. Catherine's, which was founded on Christmas Day, 1999, marks its 14th Anniversary.

A fundraising Luncheon will be served in the Parish Hall at noon. Enjoy soup, meat on a stick, cabbage rolls, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, dessert, tea or coffee, all for $15 for adults, $7 for children under 12, free for children under 7. All are welcome - tickets will be available at the door. For more information, please call 905-775-8282.

Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness, at the BWG Leisure Centre

Pulmonary Hypertension is a rare, debilitating, progressive and potentially fatal disease, affecting up to 10,000 Canadians – although it's hard to know for certain.

Early symptoms are so general, that they are often misdiagnosed by attending physicians. Breathlessness, fatigue, irregular heartbeat, fainting, chest pain – the signs of PH may be interpreted as anything from a heart condition, to Asthma.

In Pulmonary Hypertension, the arteries in the lungs harden and narrow, resulting in high blood pressure in the lungs, and potentially, an enlarged heart – and eventual heart failure. There is no cure, but there is treatment. Unfortunately, the longer PH goes undiagnosed, the worse the progressive disease becomes.

A recent survey by Harris Polling found that the time from first symptoms to diagnosis averages more than 2 years; 51% of respondents surveyed stated that their family doctor did not initially recognize the symptoms of PH, and did not refer them to the proper specialist.

The survey also found that 85% of those with PH experience mild to severe limitations while carrying out every-day activities. Sixty percent of respondents reported that they either no longer work, or have had to cut back, due to their symptoms.

And only 21% of patients felt they could manage to maintain employment without difficulty, once on medication.

November is Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month. This year, the PH Association of Canada will be holding 2 fundraisers at the BWG Leisure Centre – a week of swimming and walking competitions that encourages swimmers and walkers to raise funds while racing to see who can complete the most laps in 7 days (Registration Fee is $20); and the 6 Minute Walk for Breath, which will take place Thursday, November 27 from 10 a.m., to noon.

For more information, contact Ruth Dolan, Director at PHA Canada, at 905-775-3586.

Seasonal Treats, Dinners & Fairs

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tables will be inside, at the back of the building. Drop by, discover treasures - and raise funds for the church. For more information, or to donate an antique, contact Carole at 705-431-2428 or Linda, 705-436-9769.



St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 721 Simcoe Road in Bradford, is holding another wonderful fundraising Ukrainian Perogy Supper on Saturday, November 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Church Hall.

Dinner prices ranges from $10 for a small serving, to $14 for a large dinner - and all include Potato and Cheddar perogies, sausage, Salad, dessert, coffee or tea. Side dishes are also available, for a nominal price - Sausage, traditional Borscht, and delicious cabbage rolls!

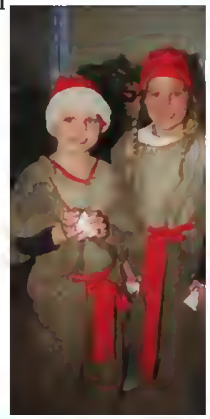
All are welcome to this fundraiser for the church! Tickets will be available at the door.

Photo: Serving up Perogies at St. Michael's Ukrainian Church.

Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford is hosting a ***Roast Beef Dinner*** on Friday, December 5, with sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes and gravy, turnips, carrots, peas, homemade pies, coffee, tea or juice only $16 per son; $8 for children 10 and under. For tickets, call Donna Ferragina, 905-775-0504 or Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134.

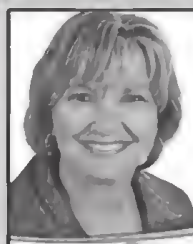
Lefroy United Church holds its annual **Christmas Bazaar and Quilt Show** on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lefroy United Church and the Grange Hall. Great gifts and Christmas items from local vendors, Bake Sale, White Elephant Table, Lunch Room - and a display of home-made quilts, upstairs at the Church. For more information on Table Rentals, call Edna Schram, 705-436-2042. Note: Every Tuesday, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. enjoy a bowl of soup, bun and dessert, $3.50.

Finnish Elves at the Laestadian Lutheran Church's 10th Annual Scandinavian Bazaar and Bake Sale, Nov. 14 & 15 in Cookstown.





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Downtown Bradford Dental Re-opening!



From left, Councillor Gary Lamb, Donna Katz of the Bradford Board of Trade, MPP Julia Munro, Dr. Matin Javadi, husband Ed and son Aryan,9, Councillor Carl Hordyk, Leana, 7, Downtown Bradford Dental staff and Board of Trade president James McNeill at the Grand ReOpening, on November 14.

It wasn't a Grand Opening, but a Grand *Re-Opening* - celebrating the end of 6 months of renovations, that moved the offices of Downtown Bradford Dental from the 2nd floor, at 57 Holland St. West, downstairs to the main floor.

Dr. Matin Javadi purchased Downtown Bradford Dental in 2011. The dental clinic, the oldest in Bradford, was founded over 40 years ago by Dr. Harris, and later owned by Dr. Charlene Barton.

Dr. Javadi loved the practice, and the community - but soon found that there were challenges with having her dental offices on the 2nd floor, up a flight of steps.

Her practice includes families and young children, but also many seniors, some of whom were Dr. Harris' patients - and they were struggling with the stairs.

Dr. Javadi and her husband Ed decided to take over the main floor - transforming it into a bright and modern clinic, with four opertories and a state-of-the-art digital x-ray machine. And on Friday, November 14, they invited the community to a Grand Re-Opening.

Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe, Julia Munro helped cut the ribbon. "This is not only an investment in the community, but also an investment in the health of the community," she said, noting that dental health is the gateway to the body's health. She congratulated Dr. Javadi on reopening "your well-established clinic"

There were messages of congratulations from the Bradford Board of Trade, and from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. Councillor Carl Hordyk, representing the municipality, noted that Dr. Javadi had updated the clinic, while preserving heritage. "On the outside, it's a beautiful historic building in the downtown."

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A new Keyholder for The Hub

Bradford - The Hub Youth Centre, operated by CrossTrainers, introduces another Keyholder: a donor who has committed to support the youth centre, with a donation of $1200 for the year.

Colleen Lindberg - speaker, trainer, facilitator, consultant, author and mentor - has stepped up to provide support.



Colleen Lindberg, left, presents cheque.

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The author of the book, "Change the Light Bulb: Habits and Choices to Create Success in All Aspects of your Life," she is also a columnist in the bi-weekly Toronto Caribbean Newspaper, writing on Business Development.

And she is passionate about youth programs and issues. Every summer, Lindberg runs the Summer Company program at Youth Employment Services (YES), helping students and at-risk youth start, run and market their businesses during the summer months. She has run major events, such as the New Business Movement, and Embrace the G.R.E.A.T. (Giving, Radiating, Energetic, Aspiring, Talented) You - a 2013 women-only event in North York - empowering entrepreneurs in their businesses, and supporting local charities.

CLC Consulting has clients in the wealth management, Real estate, accounting, health and wellness and banking sectors - as well as hair salons, law firms and many more.

For more information on The Hub, and the Keyholder program, see ***ctministries.ca***

Pro Oil Change picks a winner



Pro Oil Change, 474 Holland St. West, recently celebrated its 3rd anniversary, with a Coloring Contest for kids under 10. The image: A smiling car, having an oil change.

There were 63 entries received, and customers helped choose the winner - 8 year old Ricardo, a student at Fred C. Cook Public School in Bradford. On Nov. 10, Ricardo collected his prize - a $50 gift certificate from Toys R Us.

"Rather than just take from the community, we give to the community," said Manager Kevin Lewis.

In photo: Assistant Manager Travis W. Ray, Ricardo with his drawing, and Pro Oil Change Manager, Kevin Lewis.

Bradford Main St. Christmas!

Bradford is getting into the holiday spirit! Bradford merchants are hosting a Main Street Christmas this Friday, November 21 - inviting everyone to come out for Holiday Cheer and holiday specials at participating stores:

Bradford Jewellery & Gems, Dutch Treats, Linda's Floral Design, U at Home, Deiana Butcher Shop, The Salon, Simply for Life, Times Designs, Vibo Bakery & Café and Nancy's Nifty Nook.

All of the stores will remain open until 8 p.m. - festively decorated for the holiday season! Don't forget to cast your ballot for the Bradford Board of Trade Window Decorating Contest!

Arrest in robbery

Police have solved an armed robbery that occurred in Bradford on Nov. 14 - and arrested a 14 year old Bradford youth, with help from Social Media.

Shortly after 9 p.m. on Nov. 14, a male entered a Holland St. East convenience store and told the attendant that he wanted to buy a lighter. The suspect's face was uncovered at the time. The attendant had no lighters, and offered the male a book of matches instead. The suspect took the matches, and left without paying for them.

A few minutes later, the suspect returned - this time, with his face covered by a piece of black material, so that only his eyes were visible. The suspect walked around the store brandishing a small hatchet in his left hand and demanding that "all the money" be placed into an open dufflebag. The attendant complied, giving the male an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect then fled the store, and departed on foot; the victim believes there may have been another person waiting outside.

There was surveillance video of the robbery. Police broadcast a description of the suspect - and posted a photo on Twitter and Facebook, which generated a number of calls to Crime Stoppers, and led to the arrest.

Drive No Insurance

A 20 year old Innisfil man is facing several charges after he was pulled over on Innisfil Beach Rd., on Nov. 16. Around 8:30 p.m., an officer noticed an Audi with expired plates. Investigation revealed that not only were the plates expired, but the vehicle had no valid insurance, and the driver had been suspended for failing to pay his traffic tickets. He was charged accordingly, and will face a Justice of the Peace in December – and a minimum fine of $5000 for Drive no Insurance, and a fine of $1000 to $5000 for Drive while Under Suspension, if convicted. He also faces an additional 6 month Driver's Licence suspension.

Theft in Bradford

South Simcoe Police are investigating the theft of cash from a Bradford laundromat on Holland St. East, sometime between 6 and 8 p.m. on Nov. 15.

Suspect(s) unknown used a prying device to open a washing machine coin box, taking an undisclosed amount of change – and causing over $2000 in damages.

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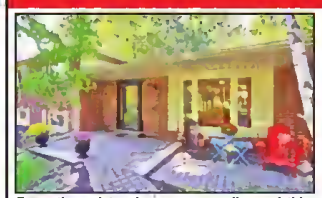




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